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The Culture of Water Lilies

*Success will follow if you observe
these instructions*



Location—The pool or water garden should be exposed to the full sun. The depth should be from 18 inches to 3 feet; the best depth for all purposes is 2 feet.

Preparation—Any good garden soil mixed with about one-fifth of well rotted cow manure; spread over the floor of the small pools to a depth of 10 or 12 inches; cover the top with one inch of sand and level off well.

Planting—The lily tubers should be planted in the soil so the crown of the plant is just out of the sand.

Place Lotus tubers about four inches under the soil, and in a wild pool, partition off from the other lilies with a brick wall to keep them in the desired location.

In large pools where it is desired to place the plants in boxes, the boxes should be 2x2 feet square and one foot deep, made of Oregon pine, allowing one box for each lily. Caution: do not use redwood lumber.

Where group planting is desired in large pools, boxes can be made any desired size allowing about 2 feet each way for the number of plants to the box.

In wild planting, to fill the pool for the first time with water, it is a good plan to wet the bed first with a spray from the hose after the lilies are set and then lay the hose on a burlap sack and fill very slowly; this will not disturb the planting and will give you a nice clear pool.

All sub-aquatics should be planted in shallow water not over an inch or so deep for the best results.

Do not run too much fresh water in pool, just fill up the evaporation.

Hardy Varieties of Water Lilies



Hardy Lilies may be planted any Month of the year in the Western States.

Spring and summer months for the East and Middle West.

WHITE

Marliacea Albida—A vigorous variety. Flowers large and of sparkling whiteness; stamens light yellow, petals flushed pink; fragrant, and produces freely and continuously throughout the season.

Each \$1.00

Tuberosa Richardsonii—A very distinct variety of great merit. The pure white flowers are large, and quite double. The foliage is a bright green and quite distinct from other water lilies.....

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Gladstone—One of the finest White Lilies in cultivation. A free bloomer, petals conclave and broad. flowers eight inches across. Very strong grower.

\$2.00

Virginalis—A French Novelty. Enormous flower of the purest white; yellow stamens. Early and late blooming. Requires plenty of room.....

Each \$15.00

PINK

Rose Arey—Wonderful variety of the Odorata type; the flowers are large and free flowering; the color a clear cerise pink.....

Each \$2.00

Eugenia De Land—This variety also belongs to the N. Odorata type, vigorous and free flowering, petals long and lanceolate; color an exquisite shade of rose-pink

Each \$2.00

Tuberosa Rosea—Very fine flowers, rose-pink and very fragrant

Each \$1.50

Marliacea Rosea—Flowers large and of a deep rose color; a vigorous growers and free-bloomer.

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Marliacea Carnea—A vigorous variety with large, soft pink blossoms, deepening toward the center to beautiful light yellow stamens, making a wonderful color effect. This variety should be in every collection

Each \$1.00

NEW FRENCH VARIETIES

Obalisque—Large flowers projecting 6 inches above the water, of a tender delightful unicoloured pink, very fragrant: golden yellow stamens; red sepalsEach \$5.00

Venusta—Opens wide with petals pointing downward. Stamens deep pink, shading to orange brown with yellow tips.

We consider this the most beautiful pink nymphaea. The flowers open wide and quite double. Strong plant and free bloomer.....Each \$5.00

Amabilis—Very delicate pink, strong grower, and very free bloomer, flowers open wide and petals turn out at tips making a new and unique blossom.
Each \$10.00

YELLOW

Marliacea Chromatella—A free and vigorous grower; flowers 6 to 8 inches across. Bright canary yellow, stamens deep yellow, leaves deep green beautifully blotched with brown. This variety is needed to make your collection complete.....Each \$1.50

Odorata Sulphurea Grandiflora—Very large, fragrant flowers, of a sulphur yellow coloring; standing well out of the water. Leaves mottled brown.
Each \$3.00

Sunrise—Largest bloom in the hardy class, flowers are of a light cream yellow with ruffled petals opening very wide and stand well out of the water. Very strong grower and continuous bloomer. One of the finest water lilies ever introduced....Each \$5.00

Pygmaea Helvola—A little gem. The flowers are canary yellow, 1 to 2 inches across, and a profuse bloomer. A very desirable lily for tub culture.
Each \$.75

APRICOT COLORINGS

Paul Hariot—Large, magnificent flowers, light yellow delicately shaded to copper red. Leaves spotted with brownish red. A free bloomer.....Each \$2.50

Comanche—The largest and finest of all the varieties having apricot tints. The flowers have a wonderful combination of orange and glowing amber red. A strong grower and the earliest and latest bloomer in the hardy class.....Each \$5.00

Robinsoni—Large flowers of dark orange red. A free bloomer, and should be in every collection.
Each \$2.50

Andreana—Flowers opening a beautiful apricot rose gradually fading to red on last day of opening. This is a good bloomer and one of the best for tub cultureEach \$1.50

RED

Escarboucle—The most brilliant hardy water lily yet introduced. The flowers are produced very freely and are a brilliant crimson carmine with bright yellow centers.....Each \$5.00

Gloriosa—A superb variety with flowers of deep carmine rose, 4 to 6 inches across. A desirable lily for tub culture or small pools.....Each \$3.00

James Brydon—A lily with wonderful cerise rose bloom that lay cup shaped on the water among the dark reddish leaves that lend a variety to your garden. This is quite distinct from other water lilies in colorings and growth, and is admired by all who see it at my garden. It is one of the most popular of the red varietiesEach \$2.50

Lucida—A free grower and good bloomer. Flowers are large, star shaped; rose vermilion fading to darker center with yellow stamens, making a wonderful coloring in a water lily. Leaves blotched reddish brown.....Each \$2.50

William Falconer—This is the deepest coloring in a water lily, being almost a maroon. A good bloomer and a wonderful variety for a large collection.
Each \$5.00

Conqueror—The largest bloom of the hardy varieties. The flowers are bright red with petals shaded into white on the concave part, and streaked with deep red on the convex surface; stamens are yellow orange. The showiest water lily in cultivation.
Each \$5.00

NEW FRENCH VARIETIES

Attraction—This is the largest flowering lily in the dark red class, producing blooms from 6 to 8 inches across. Blossoms are garnet red and very showy.
Each \$7.50

Rene Gerard—Flowers are wide, oval, delicately rosy streaked with crimson red. Making this a very showy and desirable variety.....Each \$10.00

James Hudson—Very large flower magnificent tulip shaped with sharp petals, very rare coloration with mauve reflection.....Each \$10.00

Sultan—Large flower cherry red petals faint white at the basis and at the tip. White sepals lined with red, stamens bright mahoganyEach \$10.00

Newton—Very large flower star shaped, 8 inches across, rosy vermilion; long narrow petals; white sepals; very long orange stamens.....Each \$10.00

Meteor—Very large flower, deep red, streaked with pure white, sepals lined with red; stamens golden yellow.....Each \$10.00

Tender Varieties of Water Lilies



LIGHT BLUE

Daubeniana—The most striking difference between this and other *Nymphaeas* is that young plants spring from the upper surface of the leaves. These young plants produce flowers at a very early stage. A free bloomer and very fragrant.....Each \$2.50

Capensis—Flowers rich sky blue, 6 to 8 inches across; sepals green outside, with a whitish flushed blue lining. A very desirable variety.....Each \$1.50

Caerulea—This is the Blue Lotus of the Nile. The flowers are light blue, fading to nearly white at the base. Stamens yellow; sepals marked with black lines and dots. A good, free flowering lily.
Each \$1.50

Mrs. Edward Whitaker—The largest flowering day-blooming hybrid. Often the flowers measure 10 to 12 inches across. They are produced on stout stems a foot above the water and open for the entire day. First the flower is a deep lavender blue, lightening as the blossom matures.....Each \$5.00

DEEP BLUE

California—This is the largest dark blue Lily grown, also the most fragrant, leaves are large with scalloped edges and blotched with dark mahogany spots, sepals light green with mahogany stripes, petals dark blue with pointed tips, stamens bright yellow tipped with dark blue. This Lily is a large growing type and needs lots of root room.
Each \$5.00

Pennsylvania—A beautiful large, free-flowering blue lily with yellow stamens; the sepals are marked on the outside with black lines and dots....Each \$3.00

PURPLE BLUE

Wm. Stone—Flower large and stand well out of the water, sepals brownish green. Petals royal purple changing to purple blue with pointed tips, stamens golden yellow tipped with purple, one of the finest bloomers and cut flowers in the tender variety.

Each \$2.00

Panama-Pacific—A new ever-blooming viviparous variety; strong growing, and free-flowering. The buds are bronze green spotted with a reddish brown; when fully opened the flower is a rich rosy purple, a distinct color in water lilies.....Each \$5.00

PINK

Stella Gurney—Large flowering, rose pink shaded with lavender, sepals light green on outside pink inside, stamens orange yellow tipped with lavender, making a wonderful color effect.....Each \$2.00

Mrs. C. W. Ward—This is a splendid variety, produced from N. Gracilis. It has large, deep rose-pink, almost red flowers, with yellow stamens and center. They stand high above the water. Each \$2.50

Mrs. Charles Ray—A new lily of our own introduction, having large blooms that stand high out of the water. The color is a dainty pink, fading into white at the tips of the petals. The flowers are very good for decoration and last a long time when cut. This coloring is different from any other lily.

Each \$5.00

NIGHT BLOOMERS



Dentata—Flowers purest white 8 to 10 inches across and are produced very freely, petals open out horizontally.....Each \$1.50

Dentata Superba—This is the nicest and finest white water Lily grown, flowers open flat and are mammoth in size, stamens are golden yellow, flowers stay open late following morning making it a very popular variety.....Each \$3.00

Devoniensis—The flowers are rosy red and very large and stand well out of the water, it is a very free bloomer and no pool is complete without one.

Each \$2.00

Omarana—This variety has beautifully pink petals deep shading of rose on outer edge with almost white stripe through center.....Each \$2.00

THE LOTUS

(Nelumbiums)



Perhaps no plant carries such an atmosphere of ancient lore—of history, mystery, religion and romance, as does the Lotus—the sacred flower of many nations. The lovely Lotus blossom is borne on tall stems towering above handsome leaves. It begins to bloom in June and continues to flower generously throughout August.

Tubers are for sale only in March and April. After that Nelumbiums—or Lotus—must be purchased in tubs, as they do not blossom well when disturbed.

Shiroman—This superb variety, with large, full, double snow-white flowers, borne on stalks well above the foliage, is a vigorous grower, free flowering and very hardy. Dormant tubers, \$5.00; tub plants, \$6.00.

Album striatum—A beautiful globular flower, pure white; petals delicately striped and margined rich carmine; exquisitely fragrant. A distinct and very choice variety.....Each \$2.50; tub Plants \$5.00

Roseum plenum—A magnificent variety with large, full, double, bright rose flowers. This is one of the finest Nelumbiums in cultivation.
Each \$5.00; tub Plants \$7.50

Speciosum—(Egyptian Lotus.) Exquisite flowers of a beautiful rose color; vigorous and free flowering.....Each \$2.50; tub Plants \$5.00

Album Grandiflorum—Flowers pure white, large and fragrant.....Each \$2.50; tub Plants \$5.00

Miscellaneous Aquatics

Myriophyllum proserpinachoides—(Parrot Feather.) An aquatic plant having long, trailing stems covered closely with whirls of most delicate foliage.....Each 15c

Pontederia cordata—(Pickerel weed.) A free-flowering plant, growing about 2 feet high and producing spikes of closely set blue flowers. A very artistic aquatic.....Each 25c

Sagittaria Japonica—The double-flowering Arrowhead; very desirable for planting in shallow ponds and for border of pools.....Each 50c

Thalia dealbata—A fine and stately aquatic, with canna-like leaves, to be grown in shallow water or wet soil. Effective for the margin of a pool.....Each 50c

Eulalia Japonica zebrina—(Zebra Grass.) A very ornamental grass, 3 to 4 feet high; the blades are barred with green and yellow.....Each 25c

Cyperus alternifolius—(Umbrella Palm.) A very ornamental plant for the water side. Also grows well in the water and moist ground.....Each 50c

C. Papyrus—(Egyptian paper plant.) Grows to a height of 6 to 8 feet, surmounted with a tuft of long thread-like leaves.....Each 50c up

Limnocharis humboldtii—(Water Poppy.) A very pretty aquatic plant, with floating leaves and large, yellow poppy-like flowers. Continuous bloomer.....Each 15c

Eichhornia crassipes major—(Water Hyacinth.) Flowers delicate lilac in trusses like a Hyacinth. The plant is a floater and only requires placing in water, where it will take care of itself. For the best results it should be confined to shallow water 2 to 8 inches deep, where it will root into the mud and be a mass of bloom from July to October.....Per doz. \$1.00

Aquarium Plants

Anacharis—One of the best aquarium plants, as it is a good oxygenator. In form it is moss-like, the leaves growing on a fragile stem, the entire plant being submerged at all periods. A very attractive plant of dark green growth and very easy to keep in the globe or aquarium.....Per bunch 15c

Sagittaria natans—(Ribbon Arrowhead.) One of the best aquarium plants. Has ribbon-like leaves and thrives under any condition; a very good oxygenator and quite attractive.....Per plant 15c

Myriophyllum verticillatum—A very pretty aquarium plant with fine hair-like leaves of a bright green color. Useful for spawning, clean plant, does not harbor enemies of little fish.....Each 15c

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